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No more square skipping— Board of Trustees OKs dancing on campus

by Dan Mennega

Who would have thought it possible: a college-sponsored dance right at Dordt College? A real dance, not some covert, dorm-basement, hush-hush get together that happens to have loud music, but rather an actual board-approved dance.

It wasn't until 1982 that the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church voted to consider dancing an acceptable activity for church members. Yet, even today the issue remains a topic of controversy among various people in the denomination.

At the March 15 and 16 Dordt College Board of Trustees meetings, members discussed the pros and cons of the issue before a decision was finally reached: Dordt shall have the dance.

Many board members and constituents believe that Dordt is

simply not a place for students to dance. But Dean of Students Nicholas Kroeze says that people "should have the ability to rethink where an institution is coming from on certain topics." Dancing is such a topic.

Kroeze says members of the board are excited about their decision to allow opportunities for dance on campus. But he says, "Students now have the opportunity and responsibility to look at the dance and ask themselves, 'How can we as Christians interact with this type of activity?' It is the students' responsibility to make it a success."

While most board members are excited about the change, questions remain. The board realizes that the activity of dance on campus must regenerate, not degenerate Christian growth.

Many decisions still need to be

made concerning music, location, and other related topics.

Several possible courses in dance study are in the process of being added to the curriculum, according to Kroeze. The courses are designed to aid students in making dancing a successful and positive activity.

Kroeze is happy about the decision. "It is very exciting to be at the college during a point of growth," he says.

Dance is not something inherently negative or "un-Christian," says Kroeze. Yet the board firmly believes that dancing goes far beyond being merely a social activity.

Kroeze lays the responsibility in the hands of the students and challenges them to come up with new ways of using dance, not only for social activity, but also for conveying the Christian spirit on Dordt's campus.

Dancing not new issue at college

by Chuck Adams

The issue of dance at Dordt College is not a new one. Christian Reformed students have been dancing at the skating rink and Community Center long before Synod's 1982 decision approving dance as one possible form of God-glorifying activity.

Soon after Synod's decision, members of the faculty began a dialogue on redeeming the dance for God's Kingdom. By the mid-1980s, a group of theater students led by Dr. Verne Meyer was giving presentations on the possibility of Christian dance forms at area Christian high schools. A mini-course on modern dance was even offered one semester.

Several faculty committees have been working on the dance issue for some time, and until earlier this year, the issue had begun to fade away on campus. Most students seemed to have the attitude that since they could dance just as easily at dances in Sioux Center or clubs in Sioux City and Sioux Falls, it wasn't worth the effort fighting to get college-sanctioned dances on campus.

However, the Student Services office has been searching for ways to keep students on campus, and the Dean of Students suggested on-campus dancing.

The committee studying on-campus dances made a report to the President which was included in the annual President's report. Proposals for student-faculty committees to oversee dances and approve music were approved by the board. Beginning next year, any on-campus organization wanting to sponsor a dance on Dordt's premises will be able to make an application to the soon-to-be-formed dance committee.

Prof's background to strengthen Dordt's Theology Department

by Karla Kamp

This fall students will see a new face in theology classes. Dr. Michael Williams, from Kentwood, Michigan, will replace Rev. Wayne Kobes as Kobes takes a two-year absence.

Williams leaves his position as a freelance editor at Baker Book House to come to Dordt.

Williams carries a long list of educational experience with him to Dordt. He attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois, the University of Michigan, and Calvin College as an undergraduate. He has also studied at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, Harvard Divinity School, Toronto's Institute for Christian Studies, and received his Ph.D. at St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto.

Williams grew up in a non-Christian home in Flint, Michigan. He became a Christian while he was in the military and accepted the fundamentalist tradition. After the service, Williams attended Moody Bible Institute where he says he was a "Calvinist more than a reformed" thinker.

After receiving a two-year diploma at Moody, Williams moved on to the University of Michigan to study philosophy. He was introduced to Calvin College, however, where he finished his B.A.

At Calvin, Williams says he was first introduced to reformational thought. The new thought was like "lights going on and bells ringing," says Williams.

Williams says fundamentalist

thought was restrictive to him—the Christian life had no relevance to life in the world. Reformational thinking opened a door for Williams to see he had a role in this world. "As a matter of fact," he says, "I'm required to lay claim to this world—this is my Father's world."

Williams brings his wife Jacqueline, a senior computer analyst, and son Peter, a 13-year-old skateboard fanatic, with him to Sioux Center.

Williams has taught at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary and lectured at Calvin College and Bethel Theological Seminary. He has written a number of articles and reviews. Presently he is writing an article on the relationship between the church and Christian piety.

Ag Day

Ag Day will be held on April 27.

This year's Ag Day will feature:

- Games and a Petting Zoo
- Food, Pork, Ice Cream, Milk
- Livestock Judging
- Livestock Clipping
- Milking Contest
- Tours
- Presentations

Students serve communities

by Sandra De Jong

Imagine spending Spring Break getting a suntan on the top of a roof while fixing up a house in a neighborhood of poverty. For approximately eighty-five Dordt students who went on PLIA that's exactly what Spring Break held.

PLIA, Putting Love Into Action, is run by Dordt College students. It aims to share Christ's love with people in the community in which the students work, to challenge the participants to adopt to a more service orientated lifestyle, and to assist and encourage the growth of the ministry services with which PLIA works.

PLIA works with volunteer mission centers like the Luke Society. This year students volunteered in Chicago, Illinois, Inez, Kentucky, and Cary, Mendenhall, and Jackson, Mississippi.

The students left Thursday, March 22. The Chicago group traveled the ten hour trip by van while the Mississippi group traveled the 22 hour trip by bus and station wagon.

Volunteers of the Chicago and Mississippi locations fixed houses in the communities. In Jackson, fourteen students, including Pastor Draayer, actually lived in the house that they painted and repaired.

Volunteers in Mendenhall, Mississippi, built a new church building. Inez, Kentucky, gave volunteers the chance to do yard work and fix up some old offices inside in the center.

PLIA volunteers started working on their projects at 8 am with a break for lunch around noon. After lunch they continued work until 5 pm. Night life included a Bible study based on putting on the full armor of God. Afterwards volunteers were often involved in local church activities or toured the city with friends.



In Inez, Kentucky, Juli Gesink works with a volunteer from Trinity Christian College of Palos Heights, Illinois. Dordt students also volunteered in three areas of Mississippi and in the inner city of Chicago. (Photo credit not available)

According to Pat De Waard, a senior at Dordt, PLIA has an infectious response. If volunteers clean and fix up a house, others in the community see it and realize that they to can do the same and make improvements on their own homes. De Waard also says that even though volunteers don't see the immediate results or effects they have on the community, it's important to the ministry that students helped out.

"The whole trip is unreal," says De Waard. "You gain many close friends from the trip and it changes your perspective of the poor." De Waard adds, "The experience shows how isolated and naive we are at Dordt. Here we can put the problems out there and not let them affect us at all."

Steve Atsma, a freshman at Dordt who went to Chicago, says "I had a lot of fun and met a lot of neat black

people." Steve and some of his friends will go back to Chicago this weekend to spend Easter with some of the people they met in a black church.

Joy DeHoog, also a freshman, says she went on PLIA because she wanted to give something to others. But after the experience, she says, "I ended up gaining more than I gave." She adds, "I'm glad I went on PLIA because it taught me a lot culturally. I was surprised that even though we were in a 99 percent black area of poverty, the people had a spirit of happiness that I've never seen before. I've gained real respect for those who are less advantaged than I am because they have to work twice as hard to get half as far."

Larry VandeKamp, who went to Cary, Mississippi, says, "PLIA was the most fun and accomplishing work I've ever done."

Student forum makes change

by Scott McClenny

Student Forum has proposed four major changes for next year.

One of the new changes involves student participation on task forces.

According to Student Forum President Audra Bleyenburgh, student participation on task forces was a direct link to the editorial by the *Diamond's* Chuck Adams. "We now have six student representatives on different task forces," says Bleyenburgh.

Another change that the Student Forum is looking into is the format of the phone directory. According to Bleyenburgh, Student Forum plans to combine the purposes of the phone directory with those of the freshman directory. "The directory would have

the picture, name, major, and home address of every student at Dordt," says Bleyenburgh.

The third change in hand for Dordt is extending dorm visiting hours. According to Bleyenburgh, the motion has already been carried through the Forum and is now awaiting the approval of the Personnel Committee.

The final change that Forum plans for next year is increasing the open hours of the Computer Center. Right now the Computer Center is opened only until 11:00 pm. Forum hopes to increase the computer hours to 12:00.

Elections for next year's Student Forum are coming up soon. Paragraphs and pictures of the candidates will be posted on the Student Forum bulletin board.

Volunteers go back to nature

by Karla Kamp

For the 23 students who went to Cary, Mississippi, brand new accommodations were great, but something to laugh about.

Two days of Mississippi downpours were enough to flood the town's sewer system. Major back-ups occurred in the toilets and showers at the Cary Christian Center's new facilities. But what can you expect when there are 23 Dordt students and 70 high school students from Illinois and Michigan all wanting to take showers and use the bathroom after a day's hard work?

"We had some back to nature experiences," explains Wayne Dykstra, a first time PLIA participant.

Benita Fousert, another first time PLIA member, wasn't so happy about her back to nature experience. While going out into the bush, she was attacked by red ants and came running back to the facility screaming.

Blanche Lang says when students left for home, a number of them washed their hair with an outdoor hose. "You should have seen the people pile out of the bus to go to the bathroom when we met the other Mississippi groups in Winona," says Lang.

The students had other things on their minds besides being first in line to take a shower and use the bathroom. They worked on four houses in four days, doing everything from replacing sinks to roofing and painting.

Students did go to bed covered with paint, but Steve Renkema didn't mind. "It's fun to work and get dirty," he says.

Murphy strikes group again

by Chuck Adams

Murphy's law was proven again at the end of Spring Break. PLIA project members on their way back from Cary, Mississippi marvelled at their lack of vehicle trouble. Last year, breakdowns were a consistent fact of life for students working in Mississippi.

The Cary people spoke too soon. After over a thousand miles of travel, their bus broke down just five miles south of Sioux Center.

B.J. Overlie of the Sioux Center *News* happened to drive by and catch the breakdown on film.

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Articles for the final
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semester

Our final issue will appear around Dordt's campus on Thursday, April 26. We would like to see your work in this issue, especially if you are a graduating senior—this may be your last chance!

We're especially looking for seniors to reflect about the nature of their years at Dordt College. Reflections on any aspect of Dordt life are appropriate.

Articles are due Mon., April 23.

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Dordt approves merger plan with Canadian college

by Chuck Van Adamsma

In a move reminiscent of the recent merger between Westmar College of Le Mars and Teikyo University of Japan, the Dordt College Board of Trustees announced yesterday a major reorganization for Dordt College.

According to Rev. Dirk van de Luineybij, Dordt College is merging with Redeemer College of Ancaster, Ontario, Canada. Van de Luineybij says the college will be known as "Redeemer-Dordt University."

Van de Luineybij represents an organization of ministers who recently bought out Redeemer, and who have now moved on to Dordt. Speaking at

a news conference at First Orthodox Christian Reformed Church of Grootblanknoort, Ontario, van de Luineybij told supporters, "This move is designed to keep those liberals at Calvin at bay, eh?"

He added, "RDU will present a united front against the such evil thoughts as women passing out collection plates and dinosaurs roaming the earth, eh?"

In return for the merger, the former Dordt College Board of Trustees was presented with a check for \$71,000. Dordt vice-president for business, Bernard De Wit, stated, "The money will be used to build a series of ponds

from West Hall to the East Campus apartments."

Approximately 500 students from Canada will arrive in Sioux Center in June to begin language preparation. U.S. students will also face extra instruction before the Canadians' arrival. Former Dordt professors Hugh Cook and Wytse van Dijk will tell students about life in Canada and their experience at Redeemer in a mass lecture in the chapel next Tuesday. The chapel will be entitled "Canada: It's a Country."

Dordt President J.B. Hulst will remain head of the Sioux Center campus of RDU. However, he will

have to answer to a board of overseers. Five ministers, three from Canada and two from the U.S., will meet regularly to discuss governing the campus. Van de Luineybij, chairman of the board, joins Rev. Engelbart Khomeinisma of New Amsterdam, Alberta, Rev. Dirk Botha of Dutch River, British Columbia, Rev. Leo van de Petersma of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Rev. B.J. J. B. Haalst of Sioux Center, Iowa.

Van de Luineybij says the next goal of his organization is to change the spelling of Sioux Center to Sioux Centre. Says van de Luineybij, "We've got to do it right, eh?"



The mood among Canadians and Canada-supporters was ecstatic after the announcement of Dordt's merger with Redeemer College of Ancaster, Ontario. A few U.S. citizens quietly protested the merger, but most Americans were ambivalent. One senior was quoted as saying, "Canada, isn't that in South Dakota?" (Photo by Marla Maples-Lief)

Merger means new options for Canadians

by Sandra De Olde

Several curriculum changes have resulted from Dordt's merger with Redeemer. The RDU history faculty met last week to approve a method for Canadians, who are superior to U.S. citizens in their geographic knowledge, to test out of History 101.

The test, designed by Professor Arnold Kockkoek, will contain both Canadian and American geography and history. Kockkoek says students will have to name at least three former Canadian Prime Ministers and know the length of the Trans-Canada Dogsled Highway.

Canadians who test out of Kockkoek's class will take an extra course in Canadian literature, reading the complete works of Hugh Cook. Incidentally, Cook, who describes Jim Schaap as "the American Hugh Cook," will teach the course himself. The class will actually be taught on the Ancaster, Ontario, campus of RDU, but will be beamed via satellite to the smoking section of the SUB snack bar.

Christians, join the struggle!

Bible believers of the world, unite! I hate to use a phrase which the evil, godless, pro-death Communists would use, but the truth is, we must all unite against the powers of the world. As Christians we stand against the world. Don't think for once that we can join the world in their activities, for the moment we have, we capitulate to the wiles of Satan.

Some good exists in the world, of course. It's in the hearts of God's chosen people—the Christians of the United States of America. How else could a wonderful Christian man like Pat Robertson run for the Presidency. Only the strongest powers of the Evil One and his legions (the Democrats) could keep Pat out of the White House. Fortunately, George Bush did defeat Michael Dukakis, and Satan was prevented from taking control of this wonderful country.

Speaking of this wonderful country, I wept, yea, I even gnashed my teeth when I saw on television people burning the flag in Washington. First the Jews nail Christ to the cross, now the Liberals burn our flag. But thus saith the Lord, "Vengeance is mine," and I know in my heart that God will never stand for the blasphemy these flag-burners have perpetrated upon us.

Which is why we need to reinstate the death penalty in this state. God calls for us to exert his holy vengeance on people who grossly violate the precepts of God. Not only must we punish reprobates like those flag-burners, but we must also go after the homosexuals, the men with long hair, the abortionists, everyone who uses birth control, and Democrats.

And let us be ever vigilant. For we all know Gorbachev hides an ugly set of sharpened steel teeth underneath his disarming grin. This very day, atheistic Communists are sitting in the Kremlin, laughing about how they have finally

If Jesus Christ were here today, he would go into the deserted wastelands of Congress and really preach the Word of God, that Great Republican in the Sky, to those reprobate Democrats, like "Chappaquidick Ted" Kennedy, we have there.

duped the Americans. Have you ever seen the movie *Red Dawn*? It is a movie that may still happen. Communist-supported peaceniks are suddenly wafting down on our nation, hoping to appease us, like they nearly did in 1939. But we Christians must not let that happen. We must be ever vigilant, not like those liberal Christians of the 1930s.

If Jesus Christ were here today, he would go into the deserted wastelands of Congress and really preach the Word of God, that Great Republican in the Sky, to those reprobate Democrats, like "Chappaquidick Ted" Kennedy, we have there. They would suddenly receive the fear of God, and we would finally begin building up our defenses against evil communism.

We must protect Israel at all costs, for Israel is God's chosen people, second only to the United States. And the Palestinians and others are the Canaanites of our time. Thus saith the Lord, "I will give thee this Promised Land, and ye shall strike forth against those evil nations which do not heed me. Kill them, and let them live no more. Cast out the evil tribes, claiming the land of the Iraqis, the Egyptians, the Syrians, the Palestinians, the Lebanese, the Jordanians, the Yemenis, the Saudis. And yea, this land of milk, honey, and petroleum, shall be yours for thousands of generations until I, the Lord, return."

May you all make it through the struggle, and may you all be carried away from this evil world into the bliss of heaven someday soon. And while you're on this Earth, perhaps some of you can go into full-time Christian service. For those of you who can't, please remember to take a little part out of your day for God.

Joe Bob Vander Fundie

Professor reveals secret

by Dan De Man

The secret is out. After years of speculation, the mystery surrounding the little brown leather pouch carried on Dr. Hodgson's belt is solved.

In a recent exclusive interview, the *Zircon* discovered that the mysterious hip pouch does not carry a vial of powdered moon rock or Howard Van Till's latest treatise on theistic evolutionism as was widely rumored.

"Contrary to popular belief, it contains a harmless toenail clipper," confided the professor, glad for the opportunity to clear up the scandal once and for all.

The *Zircon* even caught a glimpse

of the stainless steel gadget through the use of hidden cameras, thus verifying the fact.

Wrong turns

In other news around campus, it was recently discovered that a team of Inez-bound PLIA-ers missed a crucial turn-off and ended up on South Padre Island where they put their services to work cleaning beaches of beer cans, jellyfish, swimming suits, and strange funnel-like apparatuses.

Meanwhile, a van load of South Padre Spring Breakers from Redeemer-Dordt took a wrong road, and found themselves in Inez, Kentucky. It was four days later

before they actually realized their mistake, but decided to stay there anyway. "It's like, so long as it's warm, you know, it just really doesn't matter where we go," explains Pastor Don Draayer, who, at RDU's expense, accompanied the group in search of "a real wild, gyratin' time."

Koekkoek denies report

The *Zircon* investigated a report claiming Professor Arnold Koekkoek missed teaching a freshman section last semester. When asked about the claim, Koekkoek dismissed the charges as "most scandalous, dubious, outlandish, and bogus!" The *Zircon*, however, stands by the claim.

Letters too long

To the editor:

Letters are too long.

Lorna Van Gilst
Zircon Adviser

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Dylan to do free concert

by Chuck Van Adamsma

Rock superstar Bob Dylan has scheduled a free concert in the Redeemer-Dordt College Center for Aesthetic and Pistic Activities. According to Audra Bleyenbure, president of Student Forum, Dylan wanted to do the concert because he had been mentioned so often in the Dordt *Diamond*, the college's student newspaper, before the staff was fired just before Dordt's merger with Redeemer.

"My name has shown up in each *Diamond* this semester. I must really

be affecting you guys down in Sioux Center," says Dylan.

Dean of Students Nick Kroeze says the show will go on, despite concerns that students might dance to Dylan's music.

"As long as no one dances, we're OK. But if people start to dance, Dylan is going to have to limit himself to songs on the official approved for dancing list."

According to Dylan, he's prepared for trouble with dancing students.

"I'm gonna open my concert with one of those songs you guys sing in

chapel—you know, 'Let's Just Praise Jesus,' or 'God is an Awesome Dude.' Then I'll play something straight off of that 'Illumination' program on KDCR—something by Sandi Patti or Steve Green. By then, the Student Services will be in bliss, and we can start some real rock 'n' roll!"

According to Dylan, some professors are also looking forward to his concert. "Professor Koekkoek has already requested 'Everybody Must Get Stoned,' and Professor Schaap is pulling out all his old '60s protest clothes."

Student employees revolutionize KDCR

by K.K. Kamp

Monday, April 9, witnessed a record-breaking number of listeners to KDCR as students ousted Manager Denny De Waard from the control booth.

Students, led by Professor Charles Adams, barged into the station and thrashed KDCR's top 3: "Let's Just Praise the Lord," "Take Time to be Holy," and *Dean Wilder and Robert Hale's Greatest Hits*.

Bruce Kuiper, director of "Illumination," forced music programmer Jim Bolkema to play U2 by threatening to break Bolkema's favorite Bach's Symphony in D minor.

Eric Groen hosted a three-hour long call-in program "Integrating Sports with Faith." Only two calls fit into the three hours. One was an anonymous caller whose voice sounded like an announcer from Dordt's men's basketball games. "Sports and faith? What do you mean? We're out here to win."

Despite Groen's attempts to hang up, Steve Hoodlum, *Zircon* sports editor, spoke for the remaining 2 hours and 58 minutes about racism and basketball. "I don't want to make anyone mad," said Hoogland, "but name calling is just a part of the game. I'm not saying no one was really not saying nothing. The Briar Cliff cheerleaders were making all the cracks."

Adams, along with senior-senior engineering student Norm De Boer, rigged students' radio stations so they could turn on nothing but KDCR 88.5.

"It was simple," says De Boer. "It was a part of my senior engineering

project. We designed high capacity generators for releasing energy into large, porcelain capacitors surfacing the uppermost of the exterior modes of the residential dwellings."

"What we need here is revolution, not renovation," says Adams, while carrying his "Question Authority" lunch box.

KDCR full-time staff were not too cooperative with Adams and the students except News Director Tim Vos. "Vos ran wild, ripping up news releases and program schedules," says Tim Kramer, one of the student leaders. "I wish we had the guts to do this when I was a Dordt student," says Vos.

Brent Kooi, RA in West Hall, spied into Hulst's window and witnessed President J.B. Hulst and his wife Louise rapping to Public Enemy. "Hulst was wearing his velour jogging suit and boogying," says Kooi.

Unfortunately, De Waard was not available for comment. He was busy protecting his new DAT and CD players.

The riot came to an abrupt halt when Bernie De Witt, Vice President for Business Affairs, held a private discussion with Adams. "He told me my salary would decrease by 8.654-percent if I continued leading the students," says Adams. "And he could do it too, after the Board met to discuss changes."

Other sources say that after the riot, tuition was raised by 9.8-percent. Darrel Raih indicates the money will be pocketed by an engineering prof to ensure KDCR riots will be eliminated.



Eric Groen can't get a word in edgewise while Steve Hoogland takes nearly three hours assuring listeners he isn't trying to offend them and blaming Briar Cliff cheerleaders for shouting racial epithets like "olie bollen lovers" at Dordt's Dutch students. (Photo by Angela Van Sodak)

Redeeming the color purple

by Herman Dooywierd

A team of investigative reporters from the *Zircon* has discovered the recent promotion of wearing purple on Hilarious Day was plotted by the Dordt College Studies Institute.

An anonymous source from within the Institute told a reporter that purple has become known as the color of the pro-choice and homosexual movements. For that reason, the Institute, professing that "not one single part of Creation is not under the redeeming power of God," took upon itself the challenge of "reclaiming purple for the cause of the Kingdom of God."

Not every question has been answered by the Institute's action. Says the source, "I still want to know what red is."

Exorcist saves students from Satanic scientists

by Chuck Van Adamsma

An exorcist called in by Campus Pastor Don Draayer has succeeded in flushing out a group of Satanists who worshipped in the Science Building.

According to Draayer, former Dordt College student Daniel Fellman suspected such activity during his week-long stay at the college.

"I saw males with pony tails wearing U2 T-shirts. That really concerned me," Fellman said.

Fellman began his search in the Science Building because he says so much anti-Christian behavior is centered in the realm of science. "First we had Darwin, now we have Van Till. Science seems to bring out the worst in people," Fellman said.

The search ended quickly when Fellman discovered students dissecting frogs and toads in the Biology department.

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Home hockey scheduled for Haan Rink on RDU's campus

by Bob Doug Vander McKenzie

The Redeemer-Dordt Blade-Canucks are looking forward to an exciting winter of competition next year, including some long awaited matches here on the Dordt campus.

The just-announced merger between Redeemer and Dordt will change the face of Blades hockey drastically. Ministers from Canada insisted on changing the name to the "Blade-Canucks," but have also decided that hockey should receive more athletic funds than basketball. This will allow the Blade-Canucks to travel around the country in a fancy Lear Jet piloted by former Dordt student Tim Ackerman.

The Blade-Canucks have joined Hockey West, the premier hockey league in the United States. The national champion University of Wisconsin Badgers highlight a tough schedule that also includes non-league games against Harvard and Boston College.

"There's gonna be lots of new Canadians, eh, so we really are gonna improve," says new team captain Ben Vander Vander. According to Vander Vander, some of the top prospects in Canadian youth league hockey are coming to play at Redeemer-Dordt.

"We're even getting a Frenchie from Quebec," Vander Vander says, speaking of Luc Du Chevrier, a junior hockey player from Duchauxieu-St. Madelin-du-Isles, Quebec. "But we'll put up with him because he's good, eh."

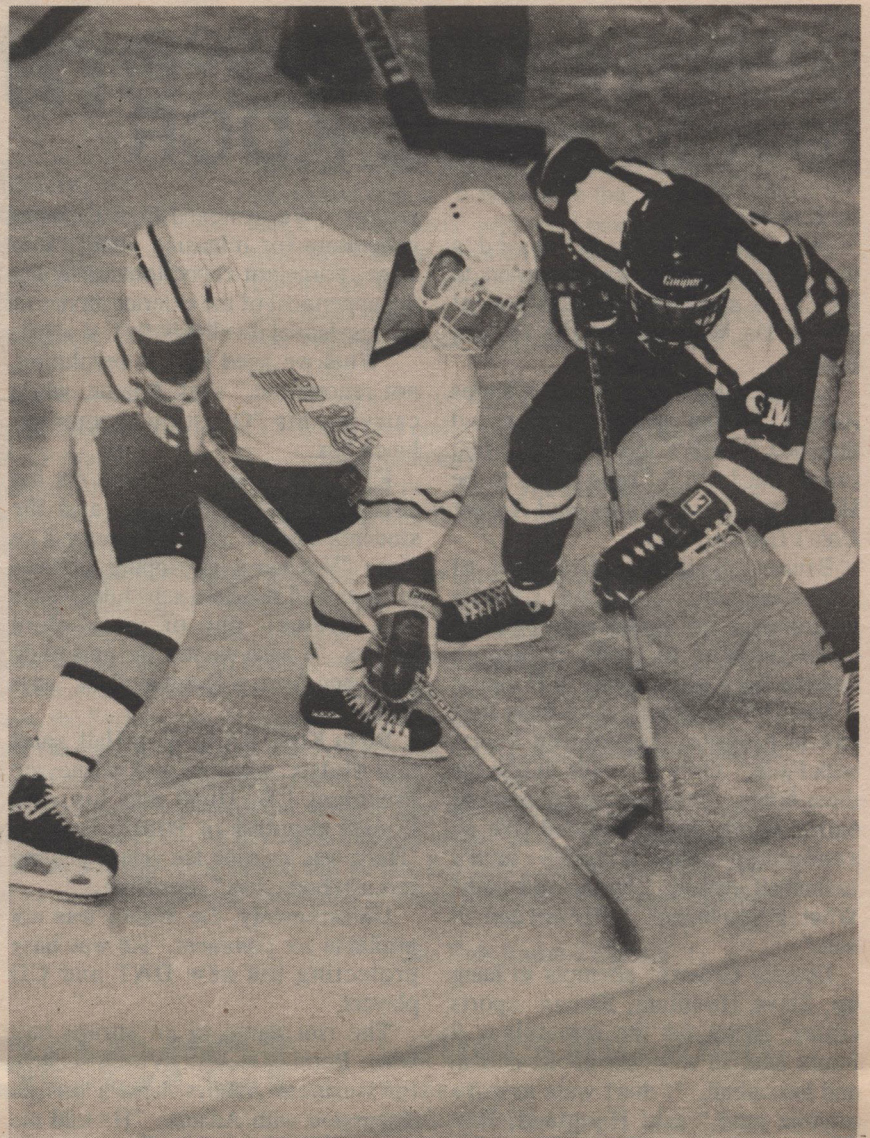
Du Chevrier who has played for the Canadian Junior National Team, will be joined by Guy Van Noort, a 20-year old advanced student from Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories. Van Noort, who has run a snowmobile rental store since dropping out of school at age 13, has special dispensation from the College despite his poor grades on the ACT test.

The Blade-Canucks will play five games on Dordt's campus. In January, after the new pond between East Hall and the Commons is completed and the water frozen, the Blades will host five games in three weeks at what will be called the Redeemer-Dordt University B.J. Haan Center for Aesthetically Normative Athletic Experience on Skates. Two of the games will feature the first ever matchup between Dordt and Northwestern in hockey.

"The Red Raiders have decided to field a hockey team this year, eh, but I don't think they'll be much competition," Vander Vander says. "Most of Northwestern's guys are party animals from Florida who thought they were playing Hooky, not hockey, eh."

The Blade-Canucks also host Wisconsin at the Haan Center in a game scheduled to be televised by ESPN.

When asked what he thought of the hockey team playing home games on a rink named after him, Haan noted, "Ja, ja, they're all good boys, and they come from good stock!"



The Redeemer-Dordt Blade-Canucks' hockey debut may not be until November, but hockey fans are already gearing up for the season. Canadian recruits are expected to make the Blade-Canucks one of America's top college teams. (Photo by Angela Van Sodak)

RDU Defenders attract foreign basketball players

by Chuck Van Adamsma

The 1990-91 edition of the Redeemer-Dordt University Defenders men's basketball team will feature two international players. Defenders Coach Rick Vander Berg says he was disappointed with accusations that the Redeemer-Dordt community is not understanding enough of the world outside the U.S. and Canada.

To combat that problem, two players have been recruited from overseas.

D.V. van der Merwe is a 7'2" center from Johannesburg, South Africa. He played two years at the University of Potchefstroom in South Africa, but decided to transfer to RDU.

"I thought that it would be much easier to make the transition from South Africa to the U.S. at Redeemer-Dordt," van der Merwe said.

Van der Merwe averaged 28.7 points and 14.9 rebounds per game for Potchefstroom. "My height really helped me. In South Africa we play

all these Kaffir teams, and they all have some kind of special tendon in their heel that makes them jump higher. And they were bred to perform physically, not mentally."

The other international player who will compete for RDU is Gerrit Jan Botha. Botha, also from South Africa, is considered the best high school player in the Eastern hemisphere.

Botha, a 6'5" guard, currently attends the John Calvin Secondary School of the Afrikaner Resistance. He says he decided to attend Redeemer-Dordt after he heard former Dordt College President B.J. Haan is coming to South Africa to accept an honorary degree.

"Your former president has made a statement to the world, and I'd like to compliment him. The best way I can do that is to play basketball for the Defenders."

Botha averaged 42.7 points and 16.8 steals per game in tough competition in South Africa. Because

he is ineligible to play in the NCAA due to restrictions against South Africa, only NAIA schools courted him.

"Oral Roberts University really wanted me, and so did Biola. I think ORU, Biola, and Redeemer-Dordt are a lot alike. I really didn't see much difference in classes or in chapel. Dordt may not have a prayer tower, but I understand they're building a pond by East Hall. That ought to be good."

In preparation for a better team, Coach Vander Berg has crafted a tough schedule, including games against tough Division I schools like Coppin State, Texas Southern, and East Tennessee State. RDU also will play several easier games against Iowa and Iowa State.

Redeemer-Dordt's first home game will be February 17 against Teikyo-Westmar. The final home game will be the traditional game against Northwestern on February 18th.

Dordt promotes Coach Altena

by Steve Hoodlum

In a startling move yesterday, Dordt promoted assistant basketball Coach Syne Altena to head groundskeeper at Dordt. His duties include beautifying the campus, putting vast park knowledge into use, and supervising Wilbur Draayer, current groundskeeper.

Head basketball coach Rick Vander Berg quickly resigned his post, saying he deserved the promotion. He told the *Diamond* Sports Editor he was applying for the vacant Northwestern College job saying, "They know how to promote people." Vanden Berg apparently is the front-runner for the Northwestern job which was opened Monday when Les Douma was promoted.

Dordt has already moved to fill the gaps in their coaching ranks. Eric Groen, Sports Director at KDCR, is the frontrunner for the Dordt head-coaching job. Dr. J.B. Hulst said yesterday, "He really gets excited at the games. He also has spoken personally with many of the refs."

Racism, ignorance, and hypocrisy:

Turning negatives into positives

Am I buggin' ya?
I don't mean to bug ya.
—Bono Vox

There's been a lot of reaction to articles in the *Diamond* this semester. Both students and faculty members have responded with letters and comments about the issues we've covered this semester. The issue of antagonism and ignorance between Americans and Canadians has been practically beaten to death. Others have responded to articles and editorials we've written concerning racism, the role of KDCR, and consistency to Dordt's statement of purpose.

This kind of reaction is good. When a number of people on campus care enough about an issue to write a letter to the editor, they have invested themselves in trying to help the college. The Dordt College community has been improved because of the concern of some students.

However, there is one reaction to the *Diamond* that bothers me. It has been evident in letters and comments our staff has received from students on campus. Some students at Dordt seem to have the attitude that "if you can't say anything nice, then don't say anything." When we write about racist sentiments showing up at a Dordt basketball game, people say we shouldn't be so negative. When we write about U.S. citizens knowing too little about our Canadian neighbors, people tell us to pack our bags and go home.

There are times when certain negative comments are unneeded and need to be avoided. I have refrained from expressing in this column my very negative views about the lectures given by Dan Veldman because I simply did not attend enough of his seminars. I have avoided the temptation of sharing my views on women in office or the work of the Concerned Members of the Christian

Negative articles point out deficiencies in our community which need to be corrected. Criticizing our college isn't a fun job, but it sometimes needs to be done as long as it's not done in a vindictive manner.

Reformed Church because I thought comments I might make could do more harm than good.

However, I have chosen to cover some negative events in the *Diamond* because I believe such coverage is in the best interest of Dordt College. Dordt is by no means perfect, and I believe strongly that the *Diamond* is more than just a compilation of the news we read every day on the "Today." It is our job to take a critical look at what is happening on campus and see if that everyday activity matches our Reformed rhetoric—thus the articles on racism and dualism at KDCR.

Our job is also to point out good things happening on campus—thus articles like the ones on dancing and PLIA in this issue. In addition, we need to be a sounding board for students eager to share their ideas or react to happenings on campus. That explains my willingness to cut some regularly scheduled articles in favor of letters to the editor. The *Diamond* must go beyond mere entertainment or simple repeating of past news. We must deal with issues in depth. That may mean occasional long letters and articles, but I believe students aren't so shallow that they won't read anything that looks like it might require engaging their brain.

Negative articles point out deficiencies in our community which need to be corrected. Criticizing our college isn't a fun job, but it sometimes needs to be done as long as it's not done in a vindictive manner. The *Diamond*, as part of the Dordt educational community must contribute to the atmosphere of Christian learning, helping students and faculty to improve the college community.

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THE FREE PRESS

A Day in the Life . . .

In light of the nature of this partially "spooficated" issue of the *Diamond*, this edition of The Free Press will attempt humor. Don't say I didn't warn you.

But first, I'd like to thank everyone who reads the *Diamond* for the positive comments and criticism directed towards The Free Press in this its first season. The next issue of the *Diamond* will give opportunity for everyone to write their own column. I encourage anyone who has anything to say to submit.

Now then, back to the humor (and I use that term loosely):

For those of you who have never experienced one, here's what may or may not be a typical day for a Dordt student.

Kees, a typical sophomore, lives in West Hall. As day breaks one winter morning, Kees falls out of his loft and limps to the bathroom door on a freshly broken ankle.

It's a frigid 20 degrees outside, so naturally the room is too. Soon, shower taken, Kees exits the bathroom, shivering in his "tightie-whities," his chest and back a bright

red. Obviously, he has been plagued by a series of "hot flushes" from the girls upstairs.

After dressing, Kees steals a bike (an accepted and widely practiced activity at Dordt) and coasts down to the athletic training room, where trainers Stephanie Vos and Kendal Kaemingk quickly diagnose treatment for the ankle.

With his ankle lanced, Kees feels much better, and heads for his first class, "Shahinian's Perspectives in Philosophy." During the class Kees fights sleep, sickness, and the desire to leave.

But, tuning in to arguments presented by Jeff Voorhees, Dave Adams, and others, Kees notices a distinct resemblance between the class discussion and a Morton Downey, Jr. show. Needless to say, sleep comes quickly.

Eventually lunchtime rolls around. The soup line is immense, so Kees limps to Hardees, orders a quarter-pound cheeseburger, eats all but one bite in which he implants a hair, receives his refund and complimentary fries, limps back to his room, and

settles down on the couch for a power nap.

He sleeps for what seems like two hours. Two hours later he awakes and finds it time to go to the library. Sitting downstairs in the "social" section of the library, Kees gets no homework done, but he has an awesome time catching up on the latest gossip and scoping people going up or down the stairs.

Deciding to go to bed early, Kees leaves the library at 9:00 and is promptly trampled by a loose herd of Canadians flocking to the SUB for smokes.

"If you can't beat 'em, join 'em," he reasons, and half runs, half limps behind the group, fumbling for a pack of non-nicotine cigarettes in his Dordt standard issue, brown leather flight jacket.

Later, back at West Hall, Kees crawls into bed—a happy, complacent, yet otherwise typical Dordt student.

Hey, I warned you! (Billy Crystal I'm not.)

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Enough Canada bashing already!

To the editor:

Many people who read Alisa Siebenga's letter addressing Americans' lack of knowledge about Canada (Feb. 1, 1990) became defensive and responded negatively.

Siebenga only pointed out that Americans don't know much about Canada, especially considering it is a neighboring country and an ally. She did not assume that Americans are dumb, only unknowing.

An improvement needs to be made. Dordt College has an excellent teacher's education program that attracts many to-be teachers, and if these students take concern in the problem, they can take action in the future.

As for packing her bags to send her home—should there be such an attitude to all who try to bring insight to our lives?

Donna Buitenbos

The *Diamond* staff encourages seniors to reflect on their years at Dordt, write your recollections into a short article, and submit them for the April 26th issue. Topics are limited only by the imagination.. Send submissions to DC 595.

Baseball team fights the weather

by Steve Hoogland

The baseball team has been stricken by the weather so far this season as seven games already have been cancelled or postponed. In the six games the team has managed to play, the Defenders are 3-3.

Although rain washed out several games in Texas over Spring Break, the Defenders took two of three games from Le Tourneau College in Longview, Texas. After losing the opener, 11-1, Dordt won the second game, 13-2. Freshman Scott Hilbilink went three for three to lead the offensive attack.

The final game was all Defenders, 21-4. Todd Miedema picked up the win for Dordt, relieving Scott Roose. Derrick Altena hit a home run to lead a well-balanced offensive attack.

The Defenders then had a ten-day layoff between games as the weather in both Texas and Iowa didn't cooperate. Saturday they headed to Teikyo-Westmar University to play the Eagles. In the first contest, Greg Haagsma pitched a "strong game," according to Coach Tom Visker, winning his first outing of the year,

5-3. Haagsma also had a big hand in the offense with two hits and three RBI's. Roose also collected two hits.

In the second contest, the Defenders stranded 10 baserunners, losing, 12-8. James Kooiker was the losing pitcher. Center fielder Stacey Kooiman, who leads the team with a .545 batting average, went five for five with two stolen bases and two outstanding catches in the outfield. Greg Ver Meer went three for three and Haagsma belted a homer, but the effort wasn't enough as the Defenders' record fell to 3-2.

Tuesday night the Defenders traveled to Northwestern and lost their first game, 6-3, before a brief snow shower scrubbed the nightcap.

"Pitching is still the weakest part of our club," says Visker, "but offensively and defensively we're doing well."

The Defenders pitching staff will be tested with four more games this week. Thursday the Defenders host Mt. Marty in a 4:00 doubleheader, while Saturday the team will play two in Mitchell, South Dakota, against Dakota Wesleyan University.



In Saturday's track meet at Storm Lake Sue Theune hands the baton to Heather Hommes in the 1600 m relay. (Photo by Dan Mennega)

Dordt wins two of three at Teikyo-Westmar tourney

by Steve Hoogland

The softball team has gotten off to a slow start, but Saturday at LeMars in the Teikyo-Westmar Invitational, the team came alive with two victories in three games. The Lady Defenders have struggled in the unpredictable Northwest Iowa March weather, but have managed to play 11 games and have a 2-9 record heading into today's contest.

Dordt lost its season opener 8-0 to Wayne State College. Wayne State had an 11-7 record going into the contest and their experience showed. However, Coach Vonda Broek says the Lady Defenders did play well considering the competition.

The next game for Dordt was a home contest against Midland. In the first game Dordt allowed three runs in the third inning and lost 4-0. The Lady Defenders pounded out seven hits and the defense made only two errors behind freshman pitcher Kristie Terpstra. In the second game, Midland got the sweep as they beat Patty Boer and Lady Defenders 9-2.

Last week was a busy one for the Lady Defenders. Teikyo-Westmar played host to Dordt on Tuesday and swept the Lady Defenders 2-1 and 3-1. Terpstra pitched well and was backed by strong defensive plays. The Lady Defenders struggled with runners on base. They stranded seven runners in the first game and left six

on in the nightcap. Broek says, "Kristie is doing an excellent job pitching, but the hits just aren't there."

Wednesday Northwestern came to Open Space Park to play Dordt. Once again the Lady Defenders were swept by 7-1 and 1-0 scores.

Saturday the Defenders took part in the Teikyo-Westmar tournament. Dordt had to go nine innings in the morning's first contest to defeat the University of Minnesota-Morris 5-4. Rhonda Haagsma was the key as the Lady Defenders bats came alive with 14 hits. Haagsma rapped out three hits and Emily Kroese had two outstanding catches in left field to preserve the victory.

With two starters, seniors Julie Prins and Grace DeVries, injured in the first game, Broek was forced to start seven freshmen in the second contest. Doane jumped all over junior pitcher Patty Boer and won, 16-3.

The final contest for Dordt was a third match in a week with TWU. "It was just a matter of time before we beat them," said Broek, and Saturday was that time. The 4-3 victory gave the Lady Defenders a 2-1 record on the day. Boer and Haagsma were named to the all-tournament team.

Tuesday night Dordt hosted Briar Cliff and lost, 7-2, before the rain and snow washed out the second game. Tonight Dordt hosts Minnesota's Southwest State at 3:30.

Tennis team heads south for spring

by Steve Hoogland

The baseball team wasn't the only athletic team from Dordt to make an extended trip over spring break. The Dordt tennis team went to Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Missouri to play tennis in warmer weather.

They travelled to Oklahoma to play the Oral Roberts University JV and varsity teams. They stayed at the home of the Oral Roberts tennis coach's home for three days. The Dordt team managed to defeat the JV team from Oral Roberts although the varsity was tougher.

After leaving Oral Roberts the team traveled to Siloam Springs, Arkansas to play John Brown University and then concluded the trip with a match against Drury College from Springfield, Missouri.

"All those schools had excellent tennis players," said tennis coach Len Rhoda, "and they gave us very tough competition."

Tim Antonides is Dordt's number one player this season. Kendal Kaemingk is the number two player.

Bret Dorhout is an excellent doubles player. Herm Tange from the Netherlands is an excellent server. Chris Huiskens was Dordt's number two singles player last year and is also an excellent doubles player. Steve Kortenhoven, Phil Witt and Chad Ringler are also contributing members of the team.

Last week Saturday the tennis team lost to Teikyo-Westmar in the morning 6-3 and later to Sioux Falls College by the same score. "They were all competitive matches," Rhoda says. "We could have won either."

Improvement is the key word. "We have such a short season," says Rhoda, "but I can already see improvement."

Next week the team will be tested in the Buena Vista tournament. The doubles will play on Friday and the singles on Saturday. Teams from Northwestern, Simpson, Sioux Falls and Dubuque will join Dordt and Buena Vista. Northwestern is the favorite according to Rhoda, but Dordt will be competitive.